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Hypnotist Tom DeLuca visited campus on Nov. 30. During the comedy routine, he got several FHSU students to do crazy and very strange things, much to the delight of the audience.

Debate

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Rackaway, who is the sponsor for the Republicans, said that he hoped this debate would help both organizations get their message out and expand the membership of their party.

"I think this is a great chance to build civic engagement among our students who aren't in a political science class" Rackaway said. He then went on to say that he hoped the organizations would work to make this a regular event every year or two.

"Overall, I thought we as the Democrats came into the debate more prepared, bringing stats pertinent to our arguments and outlining our speeches to make sure we hit our key talking points," said Corey Anglemyer, a debater for the FHSU Democrats.

Bannister was very proud of both organizations' teamwork. Many students helped research questions and form answers even if they were not debating. The only criticism Bannister had of the debate was that she had hoped for a larger crowd (only about 30 people showed up), but other than that, she was very pleased with the participation from both organizations.

Good Luck!
Kandi Craig
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Madrigal Feaste



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Terry Crull, FHSU director of choral activities, escorts a lady to her seat for the meal at the annual Madrigal Feaste. The event, held Dec. 2 and 3, drew a large crowd and was hailed as a success.

Weist destruction
rumors unfounded

James Bell
Staff Writer

Rumors of the destruction of Weist hall are unfounded, according to Carol Hackerott, director of residential life.

"Well there had been talk—it is an old building," she said. "As of now, there are no plans, up to the fall of '07 to close (Weist)," she said.

She explained that the building would probably be the first to be replaced after a cost benefit analysis was conducted.

"Should we be empowered to build new housing, that would be one of the places to do it," she said.

The housing situation will, however, change next year, she said.

McMindes will stay co-ed, by

wing, but will be open to upper classmen. Weist will be open to freshmen, co-ed by floor. Custer hall will remain all female and Agnew will remain upper classmen co-ed.

"As of now, there are no plans, up to fall of '07 to close (Weist)."

-Carol Hackerott
director of
residential life.

Surveys have been sent out by the Docking Institute to find students' feelings on FHSU housing options, she explained. She detailed the importance of these surveys being completed and mailed back by the student body.

She said that she expected that the surveys would indicate that new housing options would be preferred over traditional dorm housing, but if they indicated that Weist be renovated instead, that would be considered. Overall she explained that until housing was made available for the 300 or more students currently living in Weist, there can be no plans to take the building offline.

College Democrats, Republicans debate the issues

Kirsten Bonham
Staff Writer

It may not have been nationally televised, but the first debate between the College Republicans and the Fort Hays State University Democrats was no less exciting, bringing up many current topics of discussion.

The two groups, who met on Nov. 30, debated a wide range of issues including

gun control, the war on terror, the state funding of education, and FHSU becoming a laptop university. Each group submitted questions to Dr. Chapman Rackaway, assistant professor of political science, who chose questions from each group and also added wildcard questions.

Several bursts of applause to the FHSU Democrats' answers gave the impression that audience seemed to be made up of

mostly supporters of the FHSU Democrats.

"Republicans and Democrats had the same opportunity to bring friends, family, and classmates to the debate," said FHSU Democrats sponsor, Shala Bannister, after the debate.

The moderator, Hays Mayor Kent Steward, started by explaining the format of the debate, which was four minute opening

statements from each side with responses to questions limited to two minutes on each side followed by an optional one minute rebuttal. Steward followed this by introducing the faculty sponsors, the debaters for each side, and the president of the College Republicans.

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EDITORIAL

▼ on the edge FHSU needs to change image

Another student is dead. Angela Goddard. 21 years old. FHSU Junior. Senselessly killed long before her time.

Once again, the FHSU community is mourning one of its own, a little over two years after the brutal beating death of Clint Johnson.

The campus sits in shock. Is this a violent institution? What is happening on this campus? How can we stop it? Listen to student conversations before classes. You will often hear tales of ball-room brawls and arrests-vivacious stories of violence and intoxication.

FHSU is probably better known for the amount of alcohol its students consume than for quality of education the school provides.

Each year, hundreds of FHSU students gather for Oktoberfest, essentially a giant beer party.

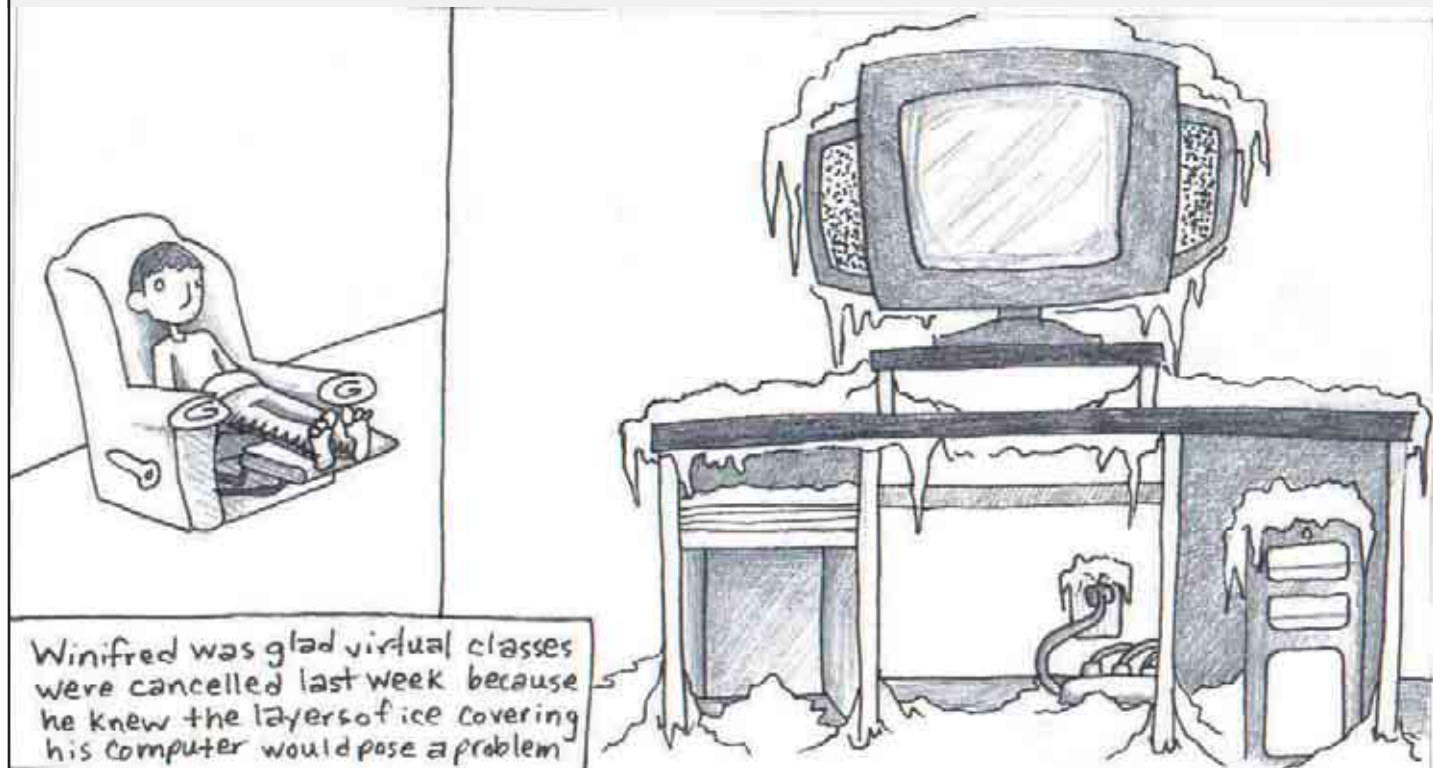
Usually, President Hammond taps the keg. Something seems seriously wrong here.

While alcohol is surely not responsible for every act of violence on campus, it would be foolish to say it is not a chief contributor to many volatile situations. Why would the university even want to give the impression they condone such behavior? It's time to change FHSU's image. Stop the violence.

-The Editorial Board

Unfurled Wit

By Damien Leeson



Artistic does not equal 'metrosexual'



Metrosexuality, to the uninformed, may come off as meaning to have sex with metro buses or subways.

However, officially defined, it is "an urban male with a strong aesthetic sense who spends a great deal of time and money on his appearance and lifestyle."

Or in other words "he is a man who seems stereotypically gay except when it comes to sexual ori-

entation." (www.wordsby.com)

Somehow I have found myself being lumped into this category. And I utterly despise it.

As I mention the term itself implies something is wrong with me sexually, like I am sexually and emotionally attracted to double deckers and trams.

There is also a level of excess that needs to be attained in order to be deemed "Metro."

The definition says it; a great deal. I like to look good, who doesn't, and I believe that presentation is important, especially when we are more than financially capable of taking care of ourselves, but I in no way spend the money or go the extreme to be "GQ."

For instance, I don't wear makeup, get manicures/pedicures, paint my

nails, tote a man-purse, or shave anything other than my face.

However, I do like clothing, but I'm an artist and enjoy aesthetics; I don't see it as a reason to say I have sex with buses!

And as to being sensitive and romantic, I think that every man should be! Women deserve to be treated with respect and love; not merely as objects to sustain our lusts.

But, for whatever reason, I am caught up in the American obsession with stereotypes and labeling. Which would be fine if I, for one: fit within the category, or two: was a can of Campbell's soup, but I am obviously not by either definition.

It aggravates me if anything. Therefore in the spirit of moral teaching I say the following: lets all be good chaps and leave the labels where they belong.

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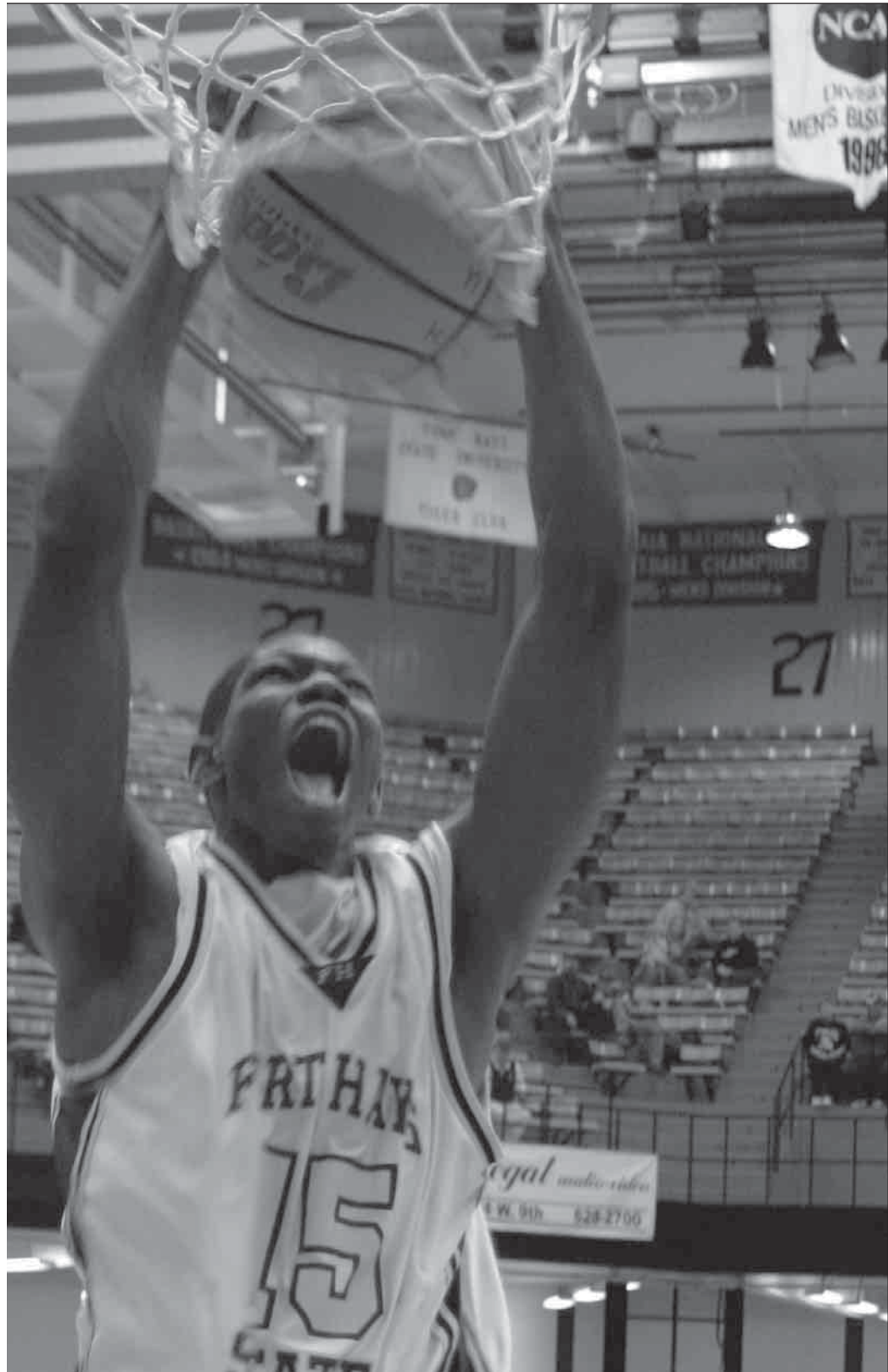
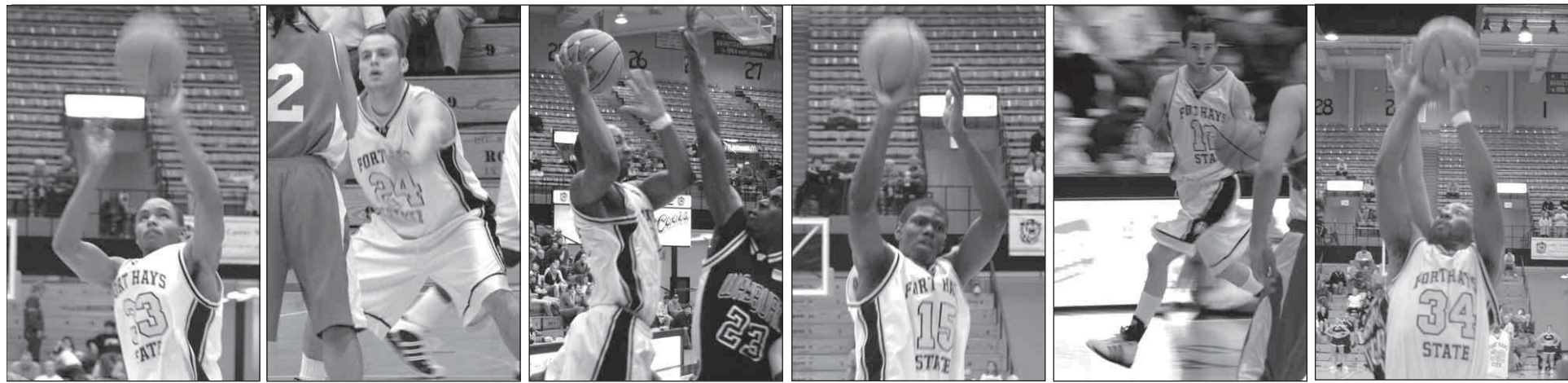
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Exam Day is Friday, December 16

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Off To A Strong Start

Story and photos by Tyler Messenger

Wow. That is all one can say when we look at this years men's basketball team. FHSU men's basketball team is now 7-1 for the year. The last time the Tigers have had this good of a season was back in 1996 when they won the championship. Our first lost of the season was to Southwest Baptist, who was 7-0. No matter what, one team was going to walk away with a loss.

From the beginning of the game, one could tell that this would be one of the hardest games for the FHSU men of the season. At one point in the first half of the game, the men fell 11 points behind Southwest Baptist and it was only an upward battle for the Tiger men. A missed three point shot by Maurice Henson prevented the Tiger men from going into overtime and winning the game. Even with that one loss one can still only say wow and great job to the Tiger men.

▼ Justice Jive

Roe v. Wade: A brief look at abortion case law



Michael Suchoparek
Guest Columnist

As the confirmation battle of the newest U.S. Supreme Court nominee, Samuel Alito, heats up, this may a good time for all of us to review the history of what has become the most pivotal topic in judicial confirmations: Abortion.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court held a Texas statute unconstitutional for making it a crime to perform an abortion unless a woman's life was at stake. The Court ruled for the first time that the constitutional right to privacy "is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy."

However, according to the

Court, the individual woman's interest to "choose" only outweighs the states interest of possibly protecting "life" until viability, the point in pregnancy at which there is a reasonable possibility for the sustained survival of the fetus outside the womb.

To reach its decision in *Roe* and because the Constitution does not specifically address the issue of abortion, the Supreme Court drew on decades of previous case law precedent stating that the government cannot interfere with certain personal decisions about procreation, marriage, and other aspects of family life.

The Court again addressed privacy rights in the case of *Griswold v. Connecticut*. In this case, the Supreme Court found that a state statute making it a crime to use or provide birth control violated the right to privacy.

Since the pivotal and controversial case of *Roe*, many anti-abortion advocates have sought

to overturn the *Roe* decision by slowly restricting the abortion access of women.

While many of these restrictions have been found unconstitutional, the Court opened the door to some limits such as the ability of young and low-income women to choose abortion. Also, bans on state and federal funding for abortions were held constitutional, as were requirements that young women obtain the consent or notification of their parents prior to receiving an abortion.

In 1992, the Supreme Court pendulum swung in the conservative direction with President Reagan's and President Bush's Supreme Court appointments.

Many thought this was the time the Court would overrule *Roe*.

The Pennsylvania case *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* resulted in a divided opinion that established a new test — the "undue burden standard" — for determining whether abortion restrictions are constitutional. According to the Court, the government cannot pass laws that have "the purpose or effect of placing a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion." However, the Court did reaffirm the central holding of *Roe* — a woman has a constitutional right to choose abortion before viability and thereafter if her life or health is at stake.

Coincidentally, President Bush's new nominee, Judge Alito, was a judge on the Federal Appellate Court which heard the *Casey* case prior to its appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Appeals Court overturned the Pennsylvania restrictions, although Judge Alito dissented and argued for the alternative outcome.

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments for the case *Ayotte v. Planned Parenthood*. This case challenged a New Hampshire statute that forbids a doctor from performing an abortion on a minor, unless she notifies her parent(s). More importantly, there was no health exception in this statute for the minor.

In the upcoming months, it will be interesting to see how President Bush's two new Supreme Court Justices, Chief Justice Roberts and possibly Judge Alito, rule on this polarizing issue.

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▼ Bill Shanahan

Times Talk examines torture

James Bell
Staff Writer

“Truth, Torture and the American Way” provided a look into the politics centered around the current debate over the use of torture by American forces.

This Dec. 1 Times Talk presentation was presented by Dr. Bill Shanahan, assistant professor of communication,

In the first part of the presentation, Shanahan read parts of President Bush’s national security strategy.

“Freedom is a non-negotiable demand of human dignity, the birthright of every person in every civilization,” Shanahan read from the document. “We do not use our strength to press for unilateral advantage. The national security strategy of the United States says that

every person, in every country, in every civilization, in every culture, must adhere to a United States doctrine of freedom that includes respect for private property.”

From this Shanahan then postulated that, “Liberal democratic capitalism is the planetary vision for democracy across the globe. It should be like us, it should adhere to our respect for private property; it should define political liberty as economic liberty, capitalism.

“There is a new paradigm on war engendered by the so called war on terror.”

Shanahan then spoke of the movement from the Bush administration promulgating memos that outline human dignity “except for certain individuals” to the national security strategy that outlined

human dignity.

Shanahan also spoke of attorney General John Ashcroft’s papers that stated groups like Al Queda do not qualify for protection under the Geneva Convention because they are not a nation-state.

He said the definition of torture moved from the broad definition to a narrow one that defines physical torture as “pain equating to organ failure or death.” This allows for more use of torture against non-Americans.

Shanahan’s argument continued to outline policies that would allow for American torture of non-Americans.

In the last moments of the presentation Shanahan said, “If we rob ourselves of the things that make us who we are... then we become them.”

Cathedral Concert



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Terry Crull, director of choral activities, conducts members of the FHSU Concert Choir during a dress rehearsal for the concert held in the St. Fidelis Church in Victoria on Tuesday. The concert included performances from the Concert Choir, Fort Hays Singers, Hays Community Choir and the Hays High School Chamber Singers, as well as interludes by FHSU instrumentalists.

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X-mas Gifts

Damien Leesen
Staff Writer

A White Elephant Gift is something that is either completely useless, found around your house, or simply for gag. They are most often found at parties sponsored by student organizations, church groups and the occasional family gathering. It is the modern day equivalent of giving people absolute crap; wait that's what it is. While crap is generally easy to find, hiding in attics, closets or billowing forth from your mouth, I thought I might help out the less creative and offer a few morsels of my own brand of white elephant.

1) Ham. Not everyone has Ham and those who do should take others into consideration and share the wealth. Ham is a great gift because it is cheap, common, and quite functional.

2) Fruit Cake. No one likes it, but everyone seems to end up with at least one from some obscure relative. Fortunately, they make an excellent gift for cheesy superficial parties where you either don't know or don't care about the individual on the receiving end.

3) CIS Textbook. After taking the course this five

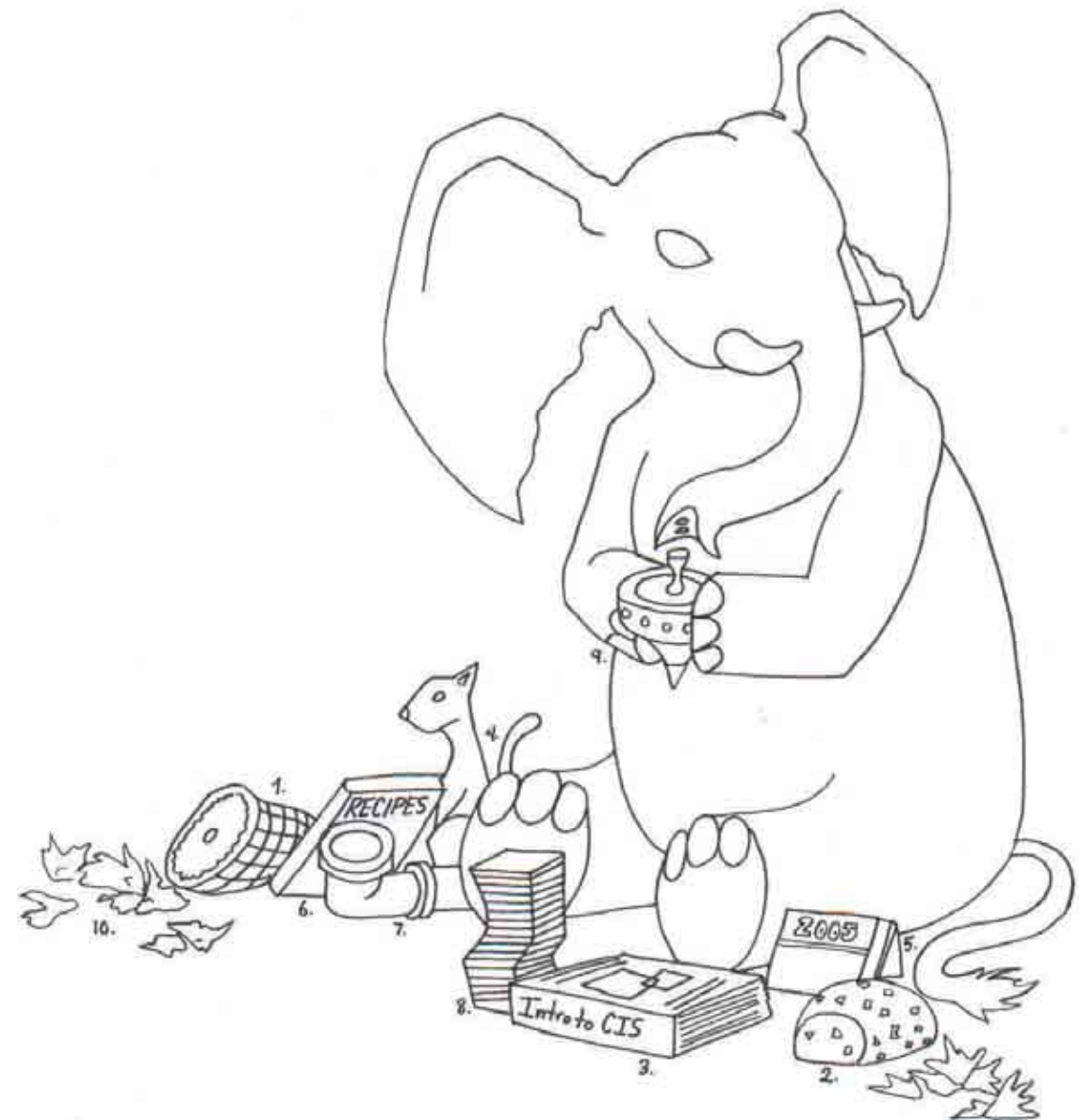
pound lump of dribble is, for all practical purposes, useless because of a single code which can be used only once. Unfortunately, without a fresh code the text has a zero resale value and is therefore ideal to pawn off on your "friend." (This one I actually did!)

4) A Taxidermed House Pet. Dear old Fido, after having passed five years ago, has taken to collecting dust and is looking to relocate; to your mantles.

5) Last Year's Calendar. Effectually useless after '05 is over, it now only has two options: be thrown away by you or be thrown away by a distant cousin. The good thing is that you get to decide!

6) The Cookbook You Got from a Church Christmas Party. Let's face it, you eat nothing but Ramen Noodle and don't even own a casserole dish. It is only prudent to give this treasure away to someone who at least knows what an oven is.

7) A Rusted Pipe. The old adage says that "One man's trash is another man's treasure," and these elephantine circumstances give you ample opportunity to test the water and see what Uncle Joe-Bob



considers "trash."

8) Your old Backstreet Boys CD. And don't say you don't own it! Just think of this as the time to move on and remove the offense from your CD collection. Its ok, you don't have to let on that you paid \$15 for it a Virgin

Mega Store in Arizona; no one needs to know.

9) Electronic Top. Otherwise known as the worthless piece of plastic you found in your stocking last year. It not only cheesy, but embarrassing to own; rid yourself of it while you can in an ample

eco-friendly opportunity.

10) Used Kleenex. It is both completely useless and quite tasteless, but not so vulgar as used toilet paper. Whoever gets it will certainly throw it away post-haste, but the laugh factor is definitely worth the effort.

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Angela May Goddard

Grieve not for me, my loved one,
For I am finally freed
Not trapped in my tired body
For all the world to see
I'm whole, I'm close, I'm peaceful
God knows that I still love you
Even this I came at his call
The Lord does careful choosing
On who's to enter here
I have no hate or fear
I know I left you crying
But please, I love you so
Be happy, I am peaceful
And let the good memories flow.

Poem Taken from Funeral Bulletin



Angela May Goddard, 21, Russell, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, near Hays.
She was born July 10, 1984, in Russell to David A. and Jill A. (Torr), Goddard. She graduated from Russell High School, attended Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, for her freshman year and then transferred to Fort Hays State University.

Survivors include her parents, Russell; a brother, Douglas Goddard, Pittsburg; a sister, Amie Goddard, Bradenton, Fla.; and maternal grandparents, Neil and Gwen Torr, Beloit.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Elmer and Darlene Goddard.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Russell; burial in Morland Cemetery, Morland.

Visitation was from noon to 9 p.m. Friday at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, 610 N. Maple Russell, KS 67665.

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